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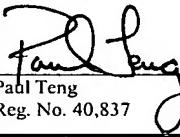
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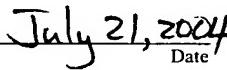
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It is respectfully requested that the information cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

The information listed in the Form PTO-1449 was cited in a June 11, 2004 official Communication and European Search Report in connection with European Application No. EP 04 00 5017 which corresponds to the above-identified application. A copy of the June 11, 2004 Communication and European Search Report is enclosed herewith.

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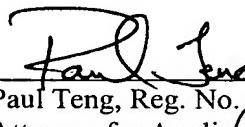
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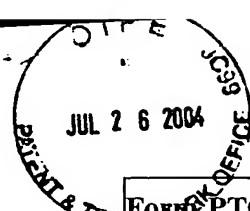
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